

Business & Economic Development Partnership
August 12, 2011
7:00 – 8:30 a.m.

Burien City Hall
400 SW 152nd Street, 3rd Floor
Miller Creek Conference Room

Minutes

Present: Carmen Moore, Ryan Adams, Judy Coover, David Elliott, Bob Ewing, Kevin Fitz, Jim Hughes, Paul Smith, Suzanne Greive.

Excused absence: Lynn Wallace, Mark Minium, Bryan Suter, Lindsay White

Guests: Councilmember Jerry Robison, JJ Greive, and Liz Giba

Staff: Mike Martin, City Manager; Dick Loman, Economic Development Manager

Presenter: Paul Fuesel, Principal KPG

Paul Fuesel presented a PowerPoint display and generally brought the members up to date on the 153rd Street promotion initiative. The city is partnering with Discover Burien to develop a comprehensive plan to promote the 153rd Street corridor as a unique destination in Burien. The PowerPoint and discussion was identical to the presentation Paul made to the city council on Monday, August 1st.

Minutes from July 8 and 22, 2011 were approved with the correction to July 22nd Minutes that Suzanne Greive was in attendance.

Chair's Report

Carmen reported that Mark Ufkes had been contacted to speak to the BEDP, but declined to do so. There may be an opportunity later in the year for BEDP to meet with the White Center Chamber of Commerce.

City Manager's Report

Mike Martin indicated that the question of annexation was taking a good deal of his time. Tentative planning is in process. Mike indicated that perhaps additional staff of about 25 people (non-management) plus additional police would probably suffice to govern the annexation area. This is far less than the City of Seattle's projections. Next, Mike discussed the progress being made with the Port of Seattle concerning NERA and the possibility of creating an Auto Mall, rather than develop 100% of the property with cargo facilities. He passed out a copy of the letter recently sent from Toyota Corporate to the Port Commissioners, expressing their interest in the NERA location and especially the Lora Lake land.

Mike concluded by briefing everyone on conversations he is having with our public school principals. What he is learning is that every school has different challenges and needs. There is no universal solution. Each has to be individually addressed. Principals know exactly what has to be done.

Economic Manager Report

Dick discussed the major economic initiatives currently being pursued by the City and how they are meant to complement one another to re-energize the downtown commercial development.

Discover Burien Report

No report this month.

Round the Table

Suzanne Greive asked about the Minutes of July 22nd be corrected to show her present. Also, Suzanne suggested that we invite Shannon Hernandez McIntyre to a BEDP meeting. Everyone else passed.

Next Meeting: Friday, August 26th, 7 AM, City Hall